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SUBJECT: NIKI NON-CONFIDENCE MOTION

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SUMMARY. THE JCP AND KOMEITO HAVE ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO SUBMIT NON-CONFIDENCE MOTIONS AGAINST UPPER HOUSE SPEAKER KENZO KONO AND PRIME MINISTER MIKI. BUT THESE MOTIONS ARE BEING INTRODUCED FOR TACTICAL AND ELECTORAL REASONS, NOT OUT OF ANY HOPE OF SUCCESS. END SUMMARY.

1. OVER THE JUNE 28-29 WEEKEND, FIRST THE JCP AND THEN THE KOMEITO ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO OFFER NON-CONFIDENCE MOTIONS AGAINST UPPER HOUSE SPEAKER KENZO KONO AND PRIME MINISTER MIKI. OSTENSIBLY, THE KONO ACTION IS RELATED TO HIS SUCCESSFUL MEDIATION OF DIFFERENCES AMONG THE LDP, JSP AND DSP CONCERNING THE PENDING ELECTION REDISTRICTING BILL. STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THIS BILL, THE JCP AND KOMEITO DESCRIBE THIS MEDIATION AS PREMATURE INTERVENTION.

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THE BILL OF PARTICULARS AGAINST PRIME MINISTER MIKI CENTERS ON HIS

FAILURE TO KEEP PUBLIC PROMISES.

2. IN A SEPARATE BUT BOT INRELATED EVENT, LDP POLICY BOARD CHAIRMAN RAIZO MATSUNO JUNE 28 OFFERED HIS OPINION THERE WOULD BE DIET DISSOLUTION IN NOVEMBER AND A GENERAL ELECTION IN DECEMBER.

3. COMMENT. WITH THE JULY 4 SCHEDULE END OF THE DIET SESSION JUST FOUR DAYS OFF, THE JCP ANDKOMEITO HOPE THE NON-CONFIDENCE MOTION AGAINST KONO WILL TIE UP THE UPPER HOUSE SUFFICEINTLY TO PREVENT THE PASSAGE OF THE ELECTION REDISTRICTING BILL WHICH WOULD PREVENT THE FREE DISTRIBUTION OF PARTY ORGAN HANDOUTS AT ELECTION TIME. THE NON-CONFIDENCE MOTION WAS EXTENDED TO PRIMIN MIKI APPARENTLY WITH AN EYE TO DECEMBER GENERAL ELCTIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE MATSUNO STATEMENT REPRESENTS WHAT IS RAPIDLY COMING TO BE THE CONVENTIONAL WISDOM, DESPITE AND EARLIER LDP DECISION WHICH CAME CLOSE TO RULING OUT A 1975 ELECTION (REFTEL).

4. THE KOMEOTO DECISON TO JOIN FORCES WITH THE JCP IN THE MIKI NON-CONFIDENCE MOTIONS WAS AN IMPORTANT -- AND PERHPAS MISTAKEN-- ONE. BECAUSE THE JSP AND DSP HAVE ALREAY REFUSED TO BACK IT, KOMEITO HAD TO COOPERATE WITH THE JCP TO OBTAIN THE 50 DIET MEMBERS'S SIGNATURES NECESSARY TO PRESENT IT. BUT THE MOTION IS DOOMED FROM THE OUTSET AND IT IS QUESTIONABLE WHETHER POSSIBLE KOMEITO FALL ELECTION GAINS WILL OFFSET THE LIELY TAINT OF COOPETAING ALONE WITH THE JCP.  
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